



Lake Ashtabula

Baldhill Dam

Valley City,
North Dakota



US Army Corps
of Engineers
St. Paul District



Welcome to Lake Ashtabula (Baldhill Dam)

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers welcomes you to Lake Ashtabula, offering year-round recreational opportunities in the east central part of North Dakota. This brochure will assist you in locating and safely using the range of recreational facilities and natural areas found here.

For further information, call the Lake Ashtabula Project Office at 701/845-2970 or stop by the office, located at the West Side of the Baldhill Dam.



Lake Ashtabula

Lake Ashtabula is formed by the Baldhill Dam on the Sheyenne River. The Sheyenne River is the largest river in North Dakota that is entirely contained within the state borders. The name "Ashtabula" is a Native American word meaning "Fish River". This name appropriately identifies this body of water, which supports large populations of walleye, yellow perch, white bass, northern pike and black bullheads. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service operates the fish hatchery located downstream of the Baldhill Dam. This hatchery utilizes the productive fishery of Lake Ashtabula for the harvest of eggs to rear stock for many of the lakes in North Dakota. The hatchery also provides fingerlings of walleye and northern pike to the North Dakota Game and Fish for use in periodic stocking of Lake Ashtabula.



Recreational Opportunities

Lake Ashtabula has something to offer every season of the year. Winter brings ice fishing and snowmobiling. Spring and fall offer excellent opportunities to view migrating waterfowl. Summer means fishing, boating, camping, swimming, and picnicking. Visitors come for weeks at a time as well as for just a few hours. Lake Ashtabula's scenic, natural and recreational resources are enjoyed by many visitors each year. The Corps of Engineers invites you to be one of them.



Visitor Facilities

The Corps of Engineers operates seven developed recreation areas, providing a variety of facilities around Lake Ashtabula. Four different campgrounds offer a variety of facilities and experiences. Visitors can choose from the alcohol free family setting at East Ashtabula Crossing to the wooded seclusion of Eggerts Landing. All camping areas offer trailer sites with electrical hookups as well as semi-primitive tent sites.

There are three designated swimming areas around the lake. Seven boat launching ramps are maintained to provide boaters and fisherman access to all areas of Lake Ashtabula. Picnic facilities and playgrounds are located at almost all sites. All sites have access to drinking water and rest rooms.

Fully accessible campsites and fishing piers are available in some areas. The recreation areas are fully operational from the first of May through the end of September.

See the recreational facilities legend included with the map for more details.



History

Congress authorized the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to design and construct the Baldhill Dam in 1944. The dam was intended to stabilize flows on the Sheyenne River. The Baldhill Dam serves as a multipurpose facility providing water supply to the Sheyenne in drought years, flood abatement in wet years, wildlife habitat and recreation. The Baldhill Dam was first put into emergency service during spring flooding in 1950 and was completed in 1951. In 1997 safety rehabilitation was completed on the Baldhill Dam to insure that it continues to provide safe and effective service well into the 21st century.

Lake Ashtabula lies within what is designated the St. Paul District of the Corps of Engineers. The St. Paul District includes the watersheds of the Red River of the North, Upper Mississippi, Rainy, and Souris Rivers. This covers almost all of Minnesota, the eastern half of North Dakota, the western half of Wisconsin and parts of Iowa and South Dakota.



Managing for Wildlife

The Corps of Engineers actively manages 2500 acres of gently rolling landscape at the Lake Ashtabula Project. This land, which is a combination of grassland, woodland and shrubland, provides food and habitat for a wide variety of wildlife.

Some active management programs at the project consist of annual waterfowl nesting surveys, maintenance of waterfowl nesting structures, renovation and maintenance of wooded areas and shelterbelts, noxious weed control, construction of a waterfowl brood rearing pond, and winter-feeding of white-tailed deer.

Lake Ashtabula is located in the heart of the "prairie pothole" region and is a prime nesting area for many species of waterfowl.

One unique seasonal visitor to Lake Ashtabula is the white pelican. Flocks of pelicans can be seen in the summer months in many areas around Lake Ashtabula.



Dam Statistics

Location:

Stream-Sheyenne River
Distance from Mouth-271 miles
Drainage area-4,138 sq. miles

Lake:

Area-5,234 acres
Length-27 miles
Maximum depth-42 feet

Dam:

Type-Rolled Earth
Elevation of emergency spillway-1271'
Length-1650'

Land:

Public owned-2,582 acres
Flowage easements-863 acres

Gates:

3-Tainter gates 40' wide
2-Low flow Conduits 3' diameter
Maximum discharge of controlled spillway-43,100 cubic feet per second



Regulations

All Federal lands at Lake Ashtabula are governed by the regulations set forth in Title 36, section 327 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations. Some areas are also subject to special rules set by the Resource Manager. Copies of the "Rules and Regulations" brochure are available from Park Rangers as well as brochure boxes located at each recreation area. Special site rules are posted on site bulletin boards. All local, state and federal laws are applicable.

Water Safety

Your safety is our concern. Just a reminder that about half of all boating accidents involve alcohol and almost all boating fatalities occur when life jackets are not worn. Please use alcohol in moderation in areas where it is allowed. Always wear your life jacket when you are on the water.

Remember that most accidents can be prevented. Make your memories of outdoor fun at Lake Ashtabula only happy ones!

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency **911**

Lake Ashtabula
Project Office **701-845-2970**

National Recreation
Reservation Service **877-444-6777**

Park Ranger
Cell Phone **701-840-0400**

Further information may be obtained from:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Lake Ashtabula Project Office
2630 114th Ave SE
Valley City, ND 58072-9795
701-845-2970

How to Get There:

The main route to Lake Ashtabula recreation sites and project office is via Interstate 94, to Valley City exit #292. Then follow the signs for approximately 12 miles, heading in a Northwesterly direction. It is also accessible from other directions by state, county, and township roads.

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Always Wear A
Life Jacket.



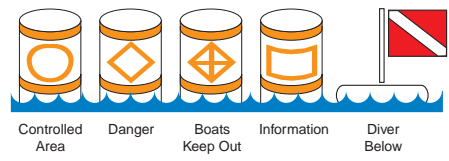
WATER SAFETY -
It Depends
On You.

The first rule of water safety:
Learn To Swim.



Public Recreation Areas

	Campground Trailer Sites	Campground Tent Sites	Picnic Area	Restrooms	Swimming Area	Playground Area	Picnic Shelter	Shower	Drinking Water	Sanitary Dump Station	Marina	Fish Cleaning Station / Table	Compost - Electric Hookups	Wheelchair Access - Compost	Wheelchair Access - Fish Platform	Concessions	Public Telephone	Boat Ramp	Parking Area	Fee Area
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Sibley Crossing	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Katie Olson's Landing	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●



Water and alcohol
don't mix.



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